

## DeWine flip-flops to curry favor with voters

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It is fascinating to see the flip-flops that Republicans are doing as the winds of change come blowing in. For the last six years, Republicans have enacted tax cuts that benefit the wealthy; voted to repeal the estate tax, which benefits the wealthy; and given themselves raises that help to make them "the wealthy."

But in the 11th hour, Sen. Mike DeWine, an 11-year Senate veteran, saw the light and voted for an increase in the minimum wage, a measure that failed. Since 1996, he has voted six times against Democrat-sponsored bills to increase the minimum wage. Why flip-flop now? Because now he is running against popular U.S. Rep. Sherrod Brown.

The minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour, or \$10,712 a year - well below the poverty line for a family of two. The new initiative eventually would have increased hourly earnings to \$7.25 an hour.

Brown has served in the U.S. House for 13 years and has distinguished himself by fighting for fair wages, job security and safety. He has worked diligently in the House and will continue to fight for these same issues in the Senate. No flip-flopping for this man.

Unlike his opponent, Brown talks the talk and walks the walk. What a refreshing concept.

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